

## **Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (new)      An isolated hOAT polypeptide which (1) is at least about 95% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 2, (2) is capable of (i) transporting organic ions and/or (ii) substantial cross-reaction with an antibody raised against hOAT having the amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 2, and (3) is not rat OAT1 or murine NKT.

Claim 21 (new)      The polypeptide of Claim 20 having the hOAT amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. NO. 2.